

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have also been amended to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version With Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

The specification has been amended to provide cross-referencing to the International Application.

The claims have been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) A low flow velocity high performance liquid chromatographic apparatus in which a solvent pump (P1), an injector (I), a switching valve (V) are connected in this order in one line; and a solvent pump (P2), a switching valve (V), the diffusion promoting device (DU) according to Claim 1 [or 3], a separation column (C) and a detector (D) are connected in another line, as shown in Fig. 8.

11. (Amended) A low flow velocity high performance liquid chromatographic apparatus in which a solvent pump (P1), a switching valve (V), a solvent mixer (MC) and a switching valve (V) are connected in this order in one line; a solvent pump (P2), a switching valve (V), the diffusion promoting device (DU) according to Claim 1 [or 3], a separation column (C) and a detector (D) are connected in another line; and a switching valve (V), a component concentration column (M) and a switching valve (V) are connected in a different line, as shown in Fig. 9.